Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakotans are living longer and healthier lives; and,

Whereas, Older South Dakotans have more choices and options when it comes to the needs of their long-term care and are encouraged to start planning for their future care needs now, allowing them to have peace of mind and financial security as they age; and,

Whereas, Planning for future care needs also enables older adults to remain in their own homes and communities while maintaining a healthy, independent, and active lifestyle; and,

Whereas, The Department of Social Services' Division of Adult Services and Aging proudly offers services ranging from homemaker to nursing services and medication assistance to help older adults remain healthy, active, and independent; and,

Whereas, It is our obligation to support important measures and support services that assure older men and women will lead independent, active, and fulfilling lives for many years to come:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State